85 per cent of the cost of the Russian scope of supplies & services, which shall be repayable in 14 equal instalments, starting from one year after the scheduled commissioning of the project. The fuel for the entire life of the project shall also be supplied by the Russian side and 85 per cent of the cost of fuel shall be covered under the State Credit. The spent fuel shall be stored and reprocessed by Government of India and the reprocessed materials shall be retained and used in India under IAEA safeguards.

(d) The work on the design of the project (DPR work) is progressing as per schedule. Both Indian and Russian sides have agreed to advance the finalisation of the Project cost parameters of the techno-commercial offer, to enable an early decision by Government of India on start of the construction works at Kudankulam site. In parallel, a proposal for taking up first phase of infrastructure works at Kudankulam has been initiated.

Threat to Chennai from Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant

2058. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant is a threat to Chennai and its surrounding places as number of reports have been in the air for quite sometime;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have thought of upgrading the Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the programmes taken up in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Although the present operating and safety systems of Madras

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Atomic Power Station (MAPS) are adequate as per original design, coolant channel replacement and up-gradation works are contemplated to the extent applicable in line with the current international safety standards to enhance the life of the reactor by another 20 years.

(e) Procurement actions for long delivery items have commenced during the current year.

Consumer courts

2059. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of consumer courts functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) list of consumer courts so far appointed in Assam, District-wise alongwith number of cases handled by each court;

(c) the target set for appointments of such courts in future;

(d) whether adequate publicity is provided to common citizens about their privileges through these courts;

(e) if so, methodology so far used for public awareness and proposed for future;

(f) whether Government will consider extensive publicity through all local newspaper and electronic media at regular interval; and

(g) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) One National Commission, 32 State Commissions and 555 District Forums have been set up in the country. The State-wise position of State Commissions and District Forums set up is given in Statement (*See* blow)

(b) and (c) 23 Districts Forums are functioning in Assam. The details are given in Statement-II. (*See* below). The Department does